



## The 46th Annual Operators Virtual Seminar – Special Presentation

### Community Resilience & Disaster Recovery

Thursday, March 11, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

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In May 2016, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo experienced the largest natural disaster in Canadian History. The 2016 Horse River Wildfire forced the evacuation of 88,000 people, destroyed over 2,500 dwellings, and had an estimated combined direct and indirect impact of \$8.9 billion. NOR-EX Engineering was contracted to lead and plan the Region's recovery from this unprecedented disaster.

They provided direct leadership of the newly formed Municipal Recovery Task Force, a dedicated embedded recovery planning team, and expert disaster recovery knowledge and advice. Dana Woodworth served as the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Recovery Team Leader for the Recovery Task Force. As Managing Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency, he also led the province's response to the 2011 Slave Lake Wildfire, and as Deputy Minister of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, led the environmental remediation for the 2013 Southern Alberta Flood and all wildfire operations in Alberta.

